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H. S. Rowen

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Martin Shubik

"THE WAR GAME" FILM

E. S. Quade, D. Ellsberg

Dear Harry:

"The War Game" reminded me of an idea I had been kicking around for some time which I feel is peculiarly suited to Rand. I believe that an international agreement on civilian education concerning the implications of nuclear war would be a very worthwhile project to pursue. It is a natural part of de-escalation. For example, suppose that the film "The War Game" (probably with the snide irrelevant remarks removed), were part of a universal adult education package put together under the auspices of the UN. A film like this, plus other back-up material, could have a very sobering effect on public opinion the world over concerning the meaning of atomic war.

It is likely that a single nation would not particularly wish to engage in this sort of program by itself. It would probably amount to a unilateral increase in the pacifism of its own population. Joint action, however, in this area seems to me to enlarge the feasible strategies for deescalation.

Cordially,

Martin Shubik

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Brownlee Haydon
FROM: Daniel Ellsberg
SUBJECT: WATKINS TAPE

DATE: 9/22/67

After there is another showing of "The War Game" (and Harry Rowen, Bruno Augenstein and Andy Marshall, among others, have all expressed an interest in seeing it), I would suggest that you (a) play this interview afterwards for those who wish to remain and (b) one person whose name I didn't get asked me after our discussion if I could make a copy of the interview tape to play for groups of friends.

I checked with Miss Marx who says that the tape is her property, and she is happy to let anyone copy it and use it in any way (other than publication in print) without further permission from her or her station.

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR

Discussion of "THE WAR GAME"

12:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 21

Main Conference Room

Because a fairly substantial proportion of the RAND staff saw "The War Game" last week, Dan Ellsberg (and others) thought it might be interesting, provocative, and even productive to have a fairly free-wheeling bull session on the film, to examine its possible research implications for RAND, and other issues of public policy--public education--the film may have suggested.

Length: approximately 45 minutes.

Unclassified.